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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To provide for unemployment benefits to workers affected by the 2019 Novel  
Coronavirus.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KILMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Worker  
5       Relief Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR CORONAVIRUS.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the definitions in  
8       section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
9       Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) shall apply.

1 (b) EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS FOR 2019 NOVEL  
2 CORONAVIRUS.—If the President issues an emergency  
3 declaration for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus for a State  
4 or Indian Tribe under section 501 of the Robert T. Staf-  
5 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 5191), the emergency declaration shall be deemed  
7 to be a major disaster declared by the President for the  
8 purpose of carrying out section 410 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 5177).

10 (c) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—In addi-  
11 tion to the eligibility criteria for individuals established  
12 under section 410 of Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
13 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5177), individ-  
14 uals in an area for which an emergency declaration for  
15 the 2019 Novel Coronavirus described in subsection (b)  
16 is declared shall be eligible for unemployment assistance  
17 under such section 410 if—

18 (1) the individual has experienced a week of un-  
19 employment in the area with an active emergency  
20 declaration for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, and as  
21 a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus;

22 (2) the individual has good cause to voluntarily  
23 reduce regular work hours or refuse a bona fide  
24 offer of employment, or, in the case of an unem-  
25 ployed self-employed individual, refuse to resume or

1       commence suitable self-employment, for a reason  
2       such as illness or incapacity, family crises, or  
3       changed individual or family circumstances in the  
4       area for which the emergency declaration was issued,  
5       and as a result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus; or

6           (3) the individual is unable to work due to the  
7       result of the immediate Federal, State, Tribal, or  
8       local government response to the 2019 Novel  
9       Coronavirus, such as—

10           (A) the inaccessibility of the place of em-  
11       ployment in the area for which the emergency  
12       declaration was issued due to closure of the  
13       place of employment by or at the request of the  
14       Federal, State, Tribal, or local government as a  
15       result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus; or

16           (B) the employer of the individual, or the  
17       business in the case of a unemployed self-em-  
18       ployed individual, prior to the emergency dec-  
19       laration being issued, received at least a signifi-  
20       cant amount of the revenue or income of the  
21       employer or business, as the case may be, from  
22       entities that—

23           (i) are located in the area for which  
24       the emergency declaration was issued; and

1 (ii) were closed by the Federal, State,  
2 Tribal, or local government in immediate  
3 response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

4 (d) MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The assist-  
5 ance authorized under this section for a week of unemploy-  
6 ment shall be not less than the weekly amount authorized  
7 under the unemployment compensation law of the State  
8 for which the emergency declaration was issued.

9 (e) WAIVER OF STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Notwith-  
10 standing State law, for purposes of assistance authorized  
11 under this section—

12 (1) the requirement that an individual be able  
13 to work, available to work, and actively seeking work  
14 shall not apply; and

15 (2) compensation under section 410 of Robert  
16 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
17 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5177) shall be made to an indi-  
18 vidual otherwise eligible for such compensation with-  
19 out any waiting period.